

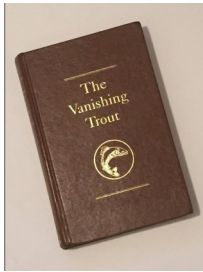
Susquehanna Ripples

Newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited #044

September 2018

Susquehanna Trout Unlimited Hosts Loyalsock River of the Year Book Discussion and Picnic

The Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited will be hosting a special public meeting and picnic on Wednesday, September 12th beginning at 5-5:30 pm. The Chapter is teaming with Carol Parenzan, the Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper, as part of the Loyalsock "River of the Year" to present a discussion of the classic "The Vanishing Trout" book by Charles Lose. This rare and important local book chronicles Lose's favorite trout fishing, camping, and travel experiences along Loyalsock Creek



in the early 1900s. During and immediately following the logging era, Loyalsock Creek was still a nationally famous fishery with a good population of large brook trout, but was beginning to face the challenges and impacts of extensive logging, coal mining and over fishing. Dr. Lose was an early voice advocating for reforestation and new conservation practices needed to restore and protect the Loyalsock's watershed. Also discussed will be papers on the history of log rafting and early settlers in the Loyalsock valley. The public is invited to join in the discussion and picnic (hot dogs, chips and drinks will be supplied- please bring a covered dish or dessert). The meeting will be held at the Consolidated Sportsmen's of Lycoming County campground pavilion. Turn left at the signs off of PA Route 87 just above Pier 87, about 6 miles north of Montoursville. **(Note we will be meeting at the Archery Range / campground which is south of the main sportsmen's grounds /shooting ranges)** More information on the meeting and downloads of

the books and papers can be found on our websites at <https://Susquehannatu.com>, and <http://www.middlesusquehannariverkeeper.org>.

Nominations Being Accepted for Upcoming Election

The annual Chapter election will be held at the November 14, 2018 Chapter Meeting and we are looking for nominations for individuals who would like to serve. The Nomination Committee will present a list of candidates within the next few weeks and those names will be posted in the October issue of the Susquehanna Ripples.

The following positions are open for elections: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and 2 Director positions. The Directors serve a 3 year term and all others are 1 year terms.

Many times, it is the same core group of individuals who perform all the required tasks of the Chapter (meetings, planning, activities, etc) and some of the individuals who are currently serving have served for a number of years and would like to see someone else step into the leadership roles.

Please consider giving back to the Chapter by assuming a leadership role. You don't have to worry about experience and you will not be left alone as you will have all the support you need in order to succeed.

If you are interested in serving, please let us know at susquehannatu@gmail.com or let us know at a Chapter meeting / event.



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Proposed Special Regulations Designation for Penn's Creek

The Fish and Boat Commission (Commission) has approved guidelines with regard to encouraging public participation on possible changes to the designation of streams, stream sections or lakes for special regulation programs. Under 58 Pa. Code Chapter 65 (relating to special fishing regulations), the Commission designates certain streams, stream sections and lakes as being subject to special fishing regulations. Under the Commission's guidelines, a notice concerning the proposed designation or redesignation of a stream, stream section or lake under special regulations ordinarily will be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin before the matter is reviewed by the Commissioners.

At the next Commission meeting on October 15 and 16, 2018, the Commission will consider a proposal to add Section 05 of Penn's Creek to its Catch-and-Release Artificial Lures Only program under 58 Pa. Code § 65.5 (relating to catch-and-release artificial lures only) effective January 1, 2019.

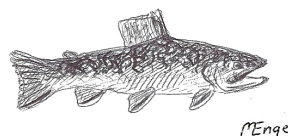
At this time, the Commission is soliciting public input concerning this designation. Persons with comments, objections or suggestions concerning the designation are invited to submit comments in writing to Executive Director, Fish and Boat Commission, P. O. Box 67000, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7000, within 60 days after publication of this notice in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Comments submitted by facsimile will not be accepted.

Comments also may be submitted electronically by completing the form at <http://www.fishandboat.com/regcomments>. If an acknowledgment of electronic comments is not received by the sender within 2 working days, the comments should be retransmitted to ensure receipt. Electronic comments submitted in any other manner will not be accepted.

The comment period runs through September 19, 2018



Recipe of the Month



Engel

Smoked Trout Jalapeno Poppers

Ingredients:

4.5 oz salmon or trout, finely chopped
2 – 8 oz packages cream cheese
1/3 cup sour cream
1/2 cup minced bell pepper
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp garlic salt
12-14 Jalapeno peppers, seeded and halved lengthwise

Blend cream cheese and sour cream until smooth. Add smoked salmon, onion, bell pepper, pepper and garlic salt; stir until well blended. Fill peppers with filling and bake in 450 degree oven for 10-15 minutes.

<https://www.moreys.com/recipes-cooking/fresh-recipes/recipe/smoked-salmon-jalapeno-poppers/>

The brook trout at the top of page 1 was caught on Boulder Mountain in Southern Utah. The picture was taken by Jason Morrison and was featured in the 2014 Trout Unlimited Calendar for the month of April. The picture is used with his permission and we thank Jason for allowing us to use it.

John Arway to Retire

The following statement was made by Executive Director John Arway on July 31.

Commissioners, Boating Advisory Board members and Fellow PFBC staff,

Retired friends have told me that you will know when the time has come to retire. I now understand. I have advised Board leadership that I will be retiring from the position of Executive Director of the PA Fish and Boat Commission effective 02 November 2018. I would like to take this opportunity to inform the Board of Commissioners, Boating Advisory Board members and fellow PFBC staff of my planned retirement. Today's announcement should provide the Board sufficient time to conduct the necessary search for qualified individuals and appoint someone before my departure. I have advised President Husar that I will do everything I can to make the transition to a new Director as simple as possible.

I have been with the agency for over 38 years, during which time I have had many motivating and rewarding experiences. Working for the PFBC has been a privilege, nothing less. Never did I think, back in the fall of 1979 when I stopped by the PFBC's Pleasant Gap Office and visited with Jack Miller and Ronni Tibbott to discuss a possible semi-skilled laborer position working on fish habitat projects, that I would wake up 38 years later as the retiring Executive Director of an agency I always respected and admired. I would like to thank all of the people both inside and outside the agency for their support and assistance over the years. I have worked with the best of the best. I feel truly blessed to have been able to serve by your sides while we worked to protect, conserve and enhance our Commonwealth's aquatic resources and provide Commonwealth anglers and boaters with first class fishing and boating opportunities. Our list of accomplish-

ments is long and will be remembered in the next history book as our legacy in the proud tradition of the second oldest fish or wildlife agency in the nation. Bravo Zulu!

When Commission President Tom Shetterly called and offered me the job as Executive Director over eight years ago, the vision I had of the position was soon replaced by the reality of the unusual blend of politics, science, state and national public policy, economics, and social media and personal interactions with anglers and boaters all across the Commonwealth. My only regret is that I failed to achieve a sustainable future for the agency and its programs. The plan we created eight years ago put us on course to control our own destiny. We executed painful cuts across programs to be able to pay rising expenses of government. We saved sufficient revenues to be able to sustain operations until others provide funding to satisfy the public service demands of a government business. I leave the agency in good hands and am confident that the Board and PFBC staff will maintain the courage and resolve to continue to do the right things for the right reasons for not only the current generation of PA anglers and boaters but more importantly for generations yet to come. The plan for the future should include the defense of agency independence, living within our means and not spending more than we earn. This simple formula will insure continued agency success far into the future.

I know that my leaving will present challenges for a new director but will also create opportunities. I am preparing plans for my replacement that outline in detail each step that is needed to complete the tasks at hand. I will also be available to assist my replacement in an orderly transition in any way that I can.

During my retirement, I will be enjoying the bounties provided by Penn's waters and woods. I may even stray outside our state border from time to time to see if the grass

is really greener in other places. I will remain available for advice, counsel or friendly discussion in case there is anything I can do to assist you or the agency. I'll be spending more time in a town called Lynch in the middle of the Allegheny National Forest. It's the camp with the green metal roof and I'll be the one sitting by the campfire surrounded by an army of grandkids roasting marshmallows and identifying constellations in the night sky. To fulfill a life's dream and begin a new journey spending time with family and friends, I am truly grateful.

Thank you all very much for the wonderful memories. I look forward to following the continued successes of this great agency. It has been a true privilege and honor to end my professional career as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission. Carpe diem!

Your Director,

><(John){(^o)

Do Your Duty and Fear No One.....
R. W. Abele



Above photo taken from <https://www.fishandboat.com/AboutUs/Pages/ExecutiveDirector.aspx>

Unapproved Trout Waters

By Steve Martin

Spring had been slow to come in 2018. Old Man Winter just did not want to release his grip on Northcentral PA. On more than one occasion, I found myself out on the streams amid snow flurries, sleet or cold rain. If there was any benefit from this slow start to Spring, it was that well into Summer the water would still be cold and in great shape to fish.

It was a breezy and threatening Sunday afternoon that first week of June, with the temperature only rising into the mid-sixties. Overhead, the sky was filled with the kind of heavy, dark gray clouds that almost seemed to be alive as they moved across the sky, twisting, and changing their shape continuously. All indications were that I'd probably end up wet again, but I just needed to get out on the stream and cast some flies. From my home, I can be on Lycoming Creek within minutes, so considering the weather I decided to stay close. In need of some solitude, I decided to fish a stretch of water that is actually not even part of Lycoming's approved trout waters. I was well downstream of where the furthest fish commission stocking had occurred, when I pulled into the hidden parking spot away from the highway. Rarely do I see trout fishermen this far downstream, but many stocked trout move much farther than most people realize.

The first good piece of water was about a quarter mile downstream and around a bend. Here, a small island had formed with about two-thirds of the stream flow on the east side of the island.

A massive Yellow Poplar tree had fallen from the east bank across the creek to the island. Except for the last few yards, the massive trunk rested about two to three feet above the water. For probably 20 yards above and below the fallen tree, the water was deep with a strong current near the east bank. I had waded out to the island at the upstream end and situated myself 15 yards or so above the fallen tree. I needed to wade out a bit to be able to reach the nice run, but after a couple of yards I was near the top of my hip waders. Fortunately, I was able to cast the Gold-Ribbed Hares Ear out to the current and as it swung under the tree trunk my rod jolted from a vicious take. After a couple of good, strong runs I was able to work the Brown Trout into my net. Although only 10", the large red spots adorning his sides, overall vibrant color, and perfect fins throughout, led me to believe that this was a native fish. Certainly not at all what I expected to find this far downstream of the main trout fish-

ery. A few more casts yielded only a missed fish, so I worked my way to the downstream tip of the island.

Here I found another beautiful piece of water. Downstream of the fallen tree, the water became shallower and flowed slightly across-stream to meet a very fishy looking, deep, green current coming around the west side of the island. Where the two flows meet, there was a visible seam that just had to hold a nice fish. Standing on the tip of the island, I flipped the Hare's Ear out into the deep, green current and let it drift right along the seam. Bam! A fish slammed the fly and plunged downstream taking off line. Keeping my rod tip high, I tried to take full advantage of all 9 feet of the energy absorbing shaft. Suddenly, the fish was making an upstream dash past the tip of the island. As I applied pressure, up out of the water he came, doing a complete 180- degree flip in a spray of water! Downstream he ran for a second time, tugging and pulling. One more run upstream and I could now tell that I was gaining the advantage. Soon, I was leading a fat, colorful, is" Brown Trout into the net.

After two good fights, my Hare's Ear was looking a bit ratty, so I inspected my leader and tied on a fresh fly. There were very few Mayflies in the air on this cool, cloudy day. Only a couple could be seen flying about, so I decided on a March Brown emerger pattern. A few more casts produced no more strikes along the seam, but not at all surprising after the fight that just took place, so for now I headed downstream. Soon I came upon a really nice, but complex piece of water.

A strong, fast current ran along the east side of the creek and merged with two distinct currents that came across-creek from the west side, separated by a gravel bar. These three currents meet to form a strong, deep run that flowed into slower, broader, flat-water about 50 yards downstream. First, I decided to drift my fly down the current on the near side of the gravel bar and into the main flow. As soon as my fly merged into the main current, a good fish grabbed it and charged downstream.

Not wanting to put down other fish that may be in this piece of water, I held my rod high, waded above and around the gravel bar, and led the fish to the broad, flat-water downstream. As the big fish turned to make an upstream run, a shiny flash told me that this one was a Rainbow. After a couple more good runs and some exciting give-and-take, I was gazing at a beautiful is" Rainbow Trout in my net. Heavy black spotting throughout accented his silver flanks and a deep pink, horizontal stripe adorned his sides. His fins and tail were perfect.

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What a gorgeous holdover fish this was!

Rain began to dapple the water's surface as I carefully waded back upstream to drift my fly down through the current on the downstream side of the gravel bar. As with the prior cast on the upstream side, as soon as my fly drifted into the main flow, another fish was on. Like before, I worked the fish downstream into the flat-water and netted another gorgeous Rainbow, this one hitting the 14" mark on my tape.

A few more casts where the merged currents flow as one into the flat-water yielded two more beautiful Trout; a 13" Rainbow and an 11" Brown. This last Brown showed an uncanny resemblance to the first fish of the day, with large red spots and striking color throughout. By now, my fly was looking pretty rough and it was beginning to rain harder. The ominous gray clouds above looked ready to dump on me at any moment, so I decided to call it a day. As I turned to head back, a beautiful male Merganser zipped upstream at close range. His sharp- looking black and white body, green head and red beak added an exclamation point to a great afternoon fly fishing on a section of stream that few would even choose to visit. And that's ok with me ... I'll be back.



The Healing Waters program of Williamsport (coordinated through our Chapter) has been active over the last few months. There was one fishing trip with two veterans and they were successful in catching trout. Another outing is being planned for September and trout and bass will be the targets.

Charlie Knowlden, Coordinator, has been busy with referrals and meeting with Veterans to determine their needs and to explain the program to them. A tough challenge that our local program faces is that many of the participants live outside the area. Additionally finding time in everyone's busy schedule also has an effect. None the less, Charlie is working on a schedule of events for this fall and winter.

Donations have been received of Fly rods and reels, a spinning rod and reel, nets, and an assortment of fishing flies and we are appreciative of these donations as they will be used by the participants of the program.

Please consider getting involved in this great program. There are many ways you can help and help is always needed and appreciated. For more information,

please contact Charles Knowlden, Chapter Coordinator at (570)971-1296 or e-mail:

charlie.knowlden@projecthealingwaters.org



Treasurers Report for February 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018

Submitted by Bob Baker, Treasurer

Checking Beginning Balance: **\$5,415.44**

Income:

Donations	\$ 300.61
Sold Merchandise	\$ 236.00
New Member Rebate	\$ 60.00

Total Income: \$ 596.61

Expenses:

Covenant Central Presbyterian Church (Donation)	\$ 150.00
Post Office Box Rental	\$ 82.00
General Expenses	\$ 13.96
Fly tying materials and Manual printing	\$ 161.54
Donation to River of the Year Programs(youth education)	\$ 200.00

Total Expenses: \$ 607.50

Checking Account Balance \$5,404.55

Savings Account Beginning: **\$8,187.18**

Interest for February	\$0.39
Interest for March	\$0.31
Interest for April	\$0.32
Interest for May	\$0.38
Interest for June	\$0.36

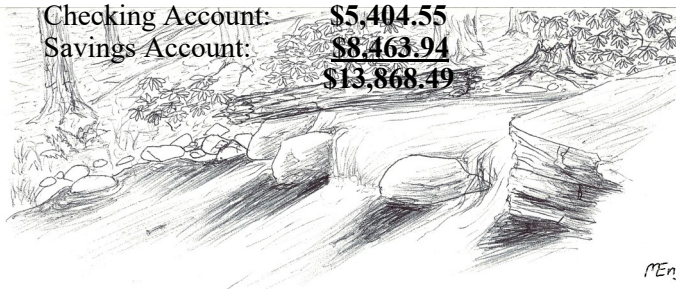
Donation **\$275.00**

Total Income \$276.76

Savings Account Balance \$8,463.94

Money in the bank

Checking Account:	\$5,404.55
Savings Account:	\$8,463.94
	\$13,868.49



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Fly of the Month



Hook: Partridge Patriot Heavy Grub size #12
Body: Black Seals Fur
Rib: Pearl Tinsel
Wing: Black Roe Deer
Legs: Black Knotted Pheasant Tail Fibers

Taken from the Northern Fly Tying page on Facebook



Welcome New Members

Marcus Annicelli

Dennis Hazlak

Jonathan Bastian

Donald Mccum

Rich Boyle

Jeff Reeder

Joshua Good

Harry Vitolins

Birds Found Dead due to Fishing Line

Lancaster Online (<https://lanasteronline.com/>) recently had two stories which highlighted the dangers of improperly discarded fishing line and hooks. The first described a neighborhood who was excited to have an eagles nest in their neighborhood. There was excitement when two eaglets emerged from the nest and began to fly.

One afternoon, one of the eagle watchers found one of the large eagles lying face down in her front yard. Further investigation showed the juvenile eagle had swallowed a fishing hook with fishing line still attached. The hook became lodged in the eagles throat causing its death.

A second article reported that birdwatchers alerted Pennsylvania Game Commission Officers that a juvenile osprey was found hanging below its nest. Game Commission Officers went to the nest and found the young bird was hanging by fishing line.

Although these are only two examples, it is hard to imagine how many animals are losing their lives because of fishing line, hooks, and broken lures. It is important to remember that not only birds are being entangled or caught, but so are reptiles, amphibians, and possibly animals that live on land but visit the waterways for food or drink.

We have all seen the fishing line dangling from tree limbs or strung out along the shore. Once in a while we find the big birds nest of line hidden among the weeds. These are the things that we see. What is there that we can not see?

It is very important to note that losing hooks, line, and lures is part of spin fishing. We can not predict when a hook will get caught in underwater debris or vegetation. When this occurs, we can not go in and retrieve our line / hook. The same holds true when we cast and catch a nearby tree. We attempt to free the line but more times than not, we break the line and leave some dangling.

This is all an unfortunate part of spin fishing and unfortunately can not be helped. What we can do to make a difference is to get what waste and trash that we can. Pick up all discarded fishing line, and other trash, and dispose of it properly. Although we will never know, but that fishing line you pick up may have saved countless animals from getting sick or killed.

There are many types of Fly / lure retrievers on the market. There is no guarantee that you will recover every fly / lure that is stuck, but you will recover a large percentage.

The links to the Lancaster Online articles is given below:

https://lanasteronline.com/sports/outdoors/eaglet-near-lancaster-city-latest-victim-as-discarded-fishing-line/article_d4e67ce6-911f-11e8-9362-8f1f30210e98.html

https://lanasteronline.com/sports/outdoors/fishing-line-kills-another-bird-of-prey-in-lancaster-county/article_9ab06b86-9fca-11e8-990c-d30218635bd8.html

Donations Received

The Chapter has received the following donations over the last few months:

Mr. H. J. Wilkinson Jr.	\$25.00
Loyalsock Creek Watershed Association	\$250.00
First Presbyterian Church of Williamsport	Storage Cabinets
James V. Brown Library	Several boxes of books
Estate of Tim Waclawski	3 flyrods / reels and 2 nets
Tom Shay	2 flyrods/reels, 1 casting rod/reel and miscellaneous fishing flies (for Project Healing Waters Program)
Bob Wayne	Limited Edition PA Trout Stamp Prints from 1991- 1993 and several books

As always, the Chapter wants to thank the above for their very generous donations to the Chapters. Through their generosity, we will be able to generate funds to help us meet our goals. The storage cabinets will be used to help store and sort materials that we have in our inventory.



Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) at Risk

President Trump's FY19 Budget Request includes massive spending cuts for several key agencies and programs that are essential for TU's mission and work. The President's Budget Request is now in the hands of Congress, where the Appropriations committees will determine whether or not to fund the President's requested amounts. The Congress has wide latitude to approve amounts that are greater or lesser than the President's request for agencies and programs. It is important to let decision-makers hear your concerns about these cuts and your support for adequate federal funding.

The Budget proposal would dramatically reduce land and easement acquisition funds from the nation's premier conservation law, the LWCF. Hundreds of millions of dollars would be cut from LWCF programs of the Forest Service, FWS, and BLM agencies. TU has long supported LWCF which has been used to enhance angler access and protect high quality trout and salmon habitat. For example, last year in Maine TU worked with landowners to protect the Cold Stream watershed, an actively timber harvested commercial forest that contains nine ponds that provide exemplary wild native brook trout habitat, critical habitat for the threatened Canada lynx, and important deer wintering areas. Good work like this would be eliminated if the Budget proposal is enacted.

The Land and Water Conservation Fund invests in public lands and public access. In PA, we can thank this program for expanding state forests and state game lands, providing boat ramps and access points, and helping protect wild trout habitat. LWCF has helped support the Allegheny National Forest and Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River. These funds are not tax dollars—it comes from a percentage of offshore oil and gas royalties.

If Congress does not vote to continue the program by the end of September, it will expire and this funding will no longer be available.

Please contact your members in Congress to tell them that adequate funding for the federal natural resource agencies is vital to the conservation work of Trout Unlimited and to sound management of the nation's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. Many of the natural resource agency budgets have been eroding over the past 15 years and the additional cuts outlined in the FY19 Budget Request would spell disaster for many of the programs that are critical for clean water, healthy lands and conservation and restoration of coldwater fisheries.

Please contact your representatives in Congress and urge them to reject continued cuts to conservation programs and agency budgets that are essential to support the conservation of America's fisheries, lands, and waters.

Urge them to support the strongest possible funding levels for conservation programs in the FY19 appropriations process, including adequate funding for resource agencies.

The above was taken from

<http://standup.tu.org/funding-conservation/>

<https://www.tu.org/press-releases/trump-budget-walls-off-land-and-water-conservation>



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The Mission of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited is to work to conserve, protect and restore Central Pennsylvania's coldwater fisheries and their watersheds

Upcoming Events

September 4, 2018

Extended Trout Season Begins

September 11, 2018

Wild and Scenic Rivers: An American Legacy slide show/seminar at Lycoming College Heim Science Building G-11 Lecture Hall at 7:00 PM. Doors will open at 6:30 with free refreshments and an opportunity to meet the author.

September 12, 2018

Chapter Meeting at 5pm Consolidated Sportsmen's on Route 87

October 10, 2018

Chapter Meeting

November 10, 2018

A Year in the Life of the Loysock with underwater photogra-

pher and videographer Keith Williams. River of Year Celebration Event. See Middle Susquehanna Riverkeeper webpage for information.

November 14, 2018

Chapter Meeting

January 9, 2019

Chapter Meeting

February 13, 2019

Chapter Meeting

March 13, 2019

Chapter Meeting

April 10, 2019

Chapter Meeting

The ***Susquehanna Ripples*** is the official newsletter of the Susquehanna Chapter of Trout Unlimited. It is published 8 times a year: January, February, March, April, June/July, September, October, and November. Please consider submitting something of interest to our readers; a story, stream report, recipe, photograph, gear review, etc. Submissions received will be placed in the next available issue. All submissions can be sent to susquehannatu@gmail.com or boblaker@comcast.net.

Chapter meetings held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month and are open to the public and begin at 7:00 pm (unless otherwise noted). Meetings are held at the **Covenant Central Presbyterian Church, 807 W 4th St, Williamsport, PA 17701**, in the Fellowship Hall (unless otherwise noted). Parking is at the rear of the Church and enter off of Campbell Street.

No meetings are held in May, June, July, August or December